



Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the new school year! We hope you and your families had a wonderful summer break. It's fantastic to see our pupils return with such enthusiasm and energy, ready to embrace the exciting learning opportunities ahead. Whether your child is starting with us for the first time or returning to familiar faces, we're delighted to have them back and look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year.

This year, we're particularly focused on building resilience and fostering a love of learning across all year groups. We want every child at Broomgrove to feel confident in taking on challenges, supporting one another, and celebrating their progress.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

All absence must be reported on the first day. If we do not have a reason for absence your child will receive an unauthorised absence mark. This data is monitored by The Department for Education on a regular basis.

Attendance Percentages for this academic year:

Class 1	94.7%
Class 2	95.2%
Class 3	97.6%
Class 4	93.4%
Class 5	97.4%
Class 6	97.1%
Class 7	96.4%
Class 8	97.3%
Whole school	96.1%

KEY DATES

- * **Monday 21st - 25th Sept: Year 6 Residential**
- * **Monday 21st Sept: Year 5 Road Safety**
- * **Monday 28th Sept: The Colne visiting Y6**
- * **Tuesday 29th Sept: Individual School Photos (pm)**
- * **Friday 2nd Oct: MacMillan Coffee Morning**
- * **Thursday 8th Sept: BSA AGM**
- * **Friday 9th Oct: European Languages Day**
- * **Tuesday 20th Oct: Parents' Evening (3:45-6.45pm)**
- * **Thursday 22nd Oct: Parents' Evening (3:45-5.45pm)**
- * **Friday 23rd Oct: Last day of half term**
- * **Monday 2nd Nov: Back to school!**

Curriculum Jigsaws

All classes have shared a Curriculum Jigsaw on their Class Dojo pages. This shows you the topics that are being taught during the Autumn term in your children’s classes. These will be updated and shared with you in the Spring Term and the Summer Term.



Learning with Parents – Online Reading Records

Learning with Parents is our online reading record system that helps us track and celebrate your child's reading progress at home.

Current expectation: We're asking families to record reading sessions **three times a week** on the platform. This helps us monitor engagement and support your child's development.

Important update: After half term, we'll be increasing this expectation to support even stronger reading habits at home.

New users – check your emails

If you're new to Learning with Parents, login details should have been sent to your email address. **Please check your spam or junk folder** if you haven't received anything – sometimes these emails can end up there by mistake.

If you still can't find your login details after checking spam, please contact the school office and we'll resend them.

Why regular reading matters

Recording reading sessions helps us:

- Track your child's progress and reading habits
- Identify any books or areas where they might need extra support
- Celebrate achievements and milestones
- Maintain strong home-school communication about your child's learning

Thank you for supporting your child's reading journey at home!

Character Virtue conversation prompts

At Broomgrove we have Character Virtues that we look for in the children each week. Each newsletter we will look at two of these virtues. The Character Focus in this newsletter: Confidence & Respect.

Talk to your child:

- "Tell me about a time when you believed in yourself, even when something was challenging."
- "How did you show respect for other people's feelings, ideas, or belongings this week?"
- "Was there a moment when someone showed respect to you? What did they do?"

C = Courage, Confidence, Collaboration
A = Ambition
R = Respect, Resilience, Responsibility
E = Empathy



Allergy Awareness

Allergy Awareness and Keeping Children Safe

The safety and wellbeing of all our pupils is our highest priority. In line with the Department for Education's new statutory guidance, Allergy Safety in Schools, we continue to strengthen our procedures to support children with allergies and reduce the risk of allergic reactions in school. Allergies can be serious and, in some cases, life-threatening. We ask all families to work with us to create a safe environment for every child.

How parents can help:

- Inform the school immediately of any diagnosed allergies or changes to your child's medical needs.
- Ensure that any prescribed medication, including adrenaline auto-injectors (AAIs), is in date and provided to school as required.
- Keep your child's healthcare information up to date and work with us to review Individual Healthcare Plans where needed.
- Remind children not to share food, drinks, utensils, or lunchbox contents with others.
- Check carefully before sending food into school for celebrations or special events.

What school is doing

We have procedures in place to:

- Identify and support pupils with allergies through Individual Healthcare Plans.
- Provide allergy awareness training for staff.
- Maintain clear systems for recognising and responding to allergic reactions.
- Promote good hygiene practices, including hand washing before and after eating.
- Learn from incidents and near misses to continually improve safety.

A shared responsibility

By working together, we can help ensure that every child is safe, included and able to participate fully in school life. If you have any questions about allergies or your child's medical needs, please contact the school office.

Essex County Council School Term and Holiday Dates for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools - Academic Year 2026-2027

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	= Schooldays		= School holidays		= Bank holidays
	= Weekends				

In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term:	Tuesday 1 September 2026 – Friday 18 December 2026 <i>Half Term 26 October – 30 October</i>	74 days
Spring Term:	Monday 4 January 2027 – Thursday 25 March 2027 <i>Half Term 15 February - 19 February</i>	54 days
Summer Term:	Monday 12 April 2027 – Wednesday 21 July 2027 <i>Half Term 31 May – 4 June, and May Bank Holiday - 3 May</i>	67 days
		<u>195 days</u>

Please note:

The above dates may vary for individual schools, especially Foundation, Voluntary Aided schools and Academies.

You are strongly advised to check with your child's school before making any holiday or other commitments.

Helping parents to understand the changes to fines for term time holidays

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued for unauthorised holidays recorded by schools in September 2024

Who may be fined?

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent who allows their child to be absent from school.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent who allowed the holiday receiving 3 separate fines.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for an unauthorised term time holiday the fine amount will be:

£80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Increasing to £160 if paid between days 22-28.

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.

These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence, including the U code (late after registers have closed).

For example: a 5 day holiday would meet the national threshold.

The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

Second Offence

(within 3 years)

The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent (who allowed the holiday), per child, payable within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and local authorities will need to consider other available measures to address the absence concerns. This may mean that cases are presented before a Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in criminal records and fines of up to £2,500.

Cases found guilty in the Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.